

FCC Chairman Michael Powell:

Ownership of the media by the few and the powerful is not what our founding fathers envisioned for the United States of America. It is critical that the existing rules restricting ownership remain as they are or be restricted, not broadened. The rules I'm specifically referring to are:

1) Broadcast-Newspaper Cross-Ownership Prohibition (1975) Bans ownership of both a newspaper and a television station in the same market.

This rule should stay in place.

2) National Television Ownership Rule (1941) A broadcaster cannot own television stations that reach more than 35% of the nation's homes.

This rule should stay in place.

3) Dual Network Rule (1946) - No entity can own more than one major television network.

This rule should stay in place.

4) Local Television Ownership Rule (1964) - A broadcaster can't own more than one of the top four stations in a single market.

This rule should stay in place.

5) Local Radio Ownership Rule (1941) - Limits the number of radio stations any one entity can own in a single market.

This rule should stay in place.

6) Television-Radio Cross-Ownership Rule (1970) - Limits the number of TV and radio stations a single entity can own in any given market.

This rule should stay in place.

As a registered voter, I take this proposed action by the FCC very seriously. Is this the legacy we want to leave to our children and grandchildren? No, it is not.